Assistance to micro-enterprises under SJSRY in Andhra Pradesh

1859. SHRIMATI N.R DURGA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the number of urban poor assisted to set up micro enterprieses under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana in Andhra Pradesh has come during the last three years, *i.e.,* from 2003-04;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the number of urban poor imparted skill training under the above Yojana has also come down during the same period;

(c) if so, the reasons for (a) (b) above;

(d) whether Government would consider increasing the maximum project cost from the present amount of Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1,00,000 and margin money or subsidy from 15 per cent or a maximum of Rs. 7,500 to 20 per cent or a maximum of Rs. 20,000; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARISELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During 2003-2004, as against the Central share of Rs. 13.90 Crore, the State Government released Rs. 46.45 Crore, under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY). In subsequent years, State share has been considerably less, thus reducing the physical coverage of beneficiaries.

(d) and (e) The Government has initiated an evaluation study on the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), covering various issues such as project cost, project coverage, project implementation mechanism etc. The increase in the project cost as well as subsidy for the projects will depend upon the outcome of the study.

Summit of investors in Gujarat

1860. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state: